News and Notes

DOCENT DR. H. SCHLESINGER has been appointed Professor at Vienna.

PROF. VON KRAFFT EBING has recently died at his home in Graz of chronic nephritis.

DR. ALEXANDER PILCZ has been appointed privat docent at the University of Vienna.

DR. G. B. PELLIZI has received the appointment of privat docent in the University of Modena.

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY will inaugurate a summer course in medicine in 1903. Drs. Pearce Bailey and R. Cunningham will be instructors in neurology.

REVIEW OF NEUROLOGY AND PSYCHIATRY is the title of a new monthly Review editted by Dr. Alexander Bruce of Edinburgh. This Review is to provide in English a journal similar in character to the shorter Reviews and Centralblätter published in French, German and Italian. The editor says that the Review is in no way intended to trench upon the field already occupied by the various larger British and American journals of nervous and mental disease.

This first number is a very commendable one and augurs success to the enterprise. We presented a résumé of its original articles in last month's issue and will analyze the February issue in April.

THE BULLETIN, a quarterly medical review which has been published since 1892 by the American Medical Temperance Association, has been consolidated with the Journal of Inebriety. The latter journal, which first appeared in 1876 under the editorial care of Dr. T. D. Crothers of Hartford, Ct., was the first and is still the only medical periodical in the world devoted exclusively to the scientific study of the neuroses and psychosis of spirit and drug diseases. ("Der Alcoholismus" excepted. Ed.)

AMERICAN MEDICO-PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION.—In accordance with a resolution passed at the Richmond meeting in 1900, the American Medico-Psychological Association has become affiliated with the Congress of American Physicians and Surgeons, and is now a constituent member of that body. Under the by-laws of the Congress it is required to hold a meeting every third year in Washington. This being the year for such meeting, the council has instructed the secretary to announce that the Association will meet in Washington instead of Providence. The dates for the Congress are May 12, 13, and 14, and the Association will continue in session on the 15th. Members of the American Medico-Psychological Association will receive programs from the general Secretary and announcements from the Committee of Arrangements of the Congress. The profit and pleasure of the meeting will be very much enhanced by the new affiliation. Sessions of this Association will be so arranged as not to conflict with the program for the general meeting. Some of the titles sent are as follows: Treatment of Morphine Habits by Hyoscine, by Dr. J. M. Buchanan; Report of a Case of Cerebral Lues, by Dr. J. E. Courtney; Dementia Præcox, by Dr. A. R. Defendorf; Report of a Case: Was He a Paranoiac? By Dr. C. A. Drew; The Toxemic Basis of Certain Brain Diseases, by Dr. W. E. Dold; Some Observations on the Insane: Blood Pressure, by Dr. W. R. Dunton, Jr.; Blood Conditions of the Insane, by Dr. H. C. Eyman; Psychology of Epilepsy, by Dr. Everett Flood;

Delusions, Hallucinations, and Illusions of the Pudic Nerve, Cerebrospinal Areas, by Dr. C. H. Hughes; An Epidemic of Typhoid Fever Due to Impure Ice, by Dr. R. H. Hutchings; The Physiological Demands in Hospital Food Supply, by Dr. W. H. Kidder; Insanity in the Negro, by Dr. J. F. Miller; Paranoid Dementia, by Dr. C. W. Page; Drill for Patients, by Dr. G. A. Smith; How Dr. Brigham Met the Challenge to Diagnose Insanity at Sight, by Dr. Stephen Smith; Pathology of Acute Delirium, by Dr. H. A. Tomlinson; The Paranoic Forms of Manic-depressive Insanity, by Aug. Hoch, M.D.

A symposium on the subject of Trauma and Insanity is contemplated. Papers are also promised by Dr. H. E. Allison, Dr. G. A. Blumer, Dr. A. E. Brownrigg, Dr. H. C. Baldwin, Dr. L. L. Bryant, Dr. Edward Cowles, Dr. J. B. Chapin, Dr. E. P. Chagnon, Dr. Edward French, Dr. G. H. Hill, Dr. Robert B. Lamb, Dr. P. L. Murphy, Dr. I. H. Neff, Dr. A. B. Richardson, Dr. B. T. Sanborn, Dr. W. P. Spratling, Dr. G. G. Wagner.

Dr. F. M. Powell of Glenwood, Iowa, has been reappointed superintendent of the Institute for Feeble-minded Children.

Dr. William Mabon, formerly of Ogdensburg, took up his new duties as superintendent of Bellevue, Fordham and Gouverneur Hospitals, January 1, 1903.

The last annual report of the London County Council shows that the increase in insanity for the year was greater than any other year excepting 1896. There was a total population of 22,155 under the care of the asylum committee January 1, 1902. The new asylum opened March last for the accommodation of two thousand patients is already filled, in part by transfer from other overcrowded asylums. The committee has already under consideration the necessity of proceeding with the construction of another building in order to provide for the estimated increase of five hundred *per annum*. At the present rate a population of half a million insane will be under care by the end of the present century. The chief causes alleged in the yearly etiological tables are hereditarv predisposition 27 per cent., and alcoholic excesses 17 per cent., both of which are thought to be much greater were the taking of more accurate data possible.

Dr. Liebeault, of Nancy, returned to the town of Favières where he was born seventy-nine years ago, to spend his birthday. His friends seized the occasion to place a commemorative tablet on the house where he was born. It states that A. A. Liebeault opened a new era in the medical sciences by his discovery of the systematic application of suggestion and induced sleep in the treatment of insomnia. He is the founder and leader of the so-called Nancy school. The inscription is signed by Voisin, Berillion and other members of the Paris Société d'Hypnotisme et de Psychologie, and by leading psycho-therapeutists of Germany, Sweden, Holland, and also by Vogt and Forel of the *Zeitschrift für Hypnotismus.*